

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to Claims 28 and 31 because of informalities and has rejected Claims 13-14, 26-28, 30 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). The Examiner has further indicated the allowability of Claims 38-40 and that claims 15-22, 29 and 32-37 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

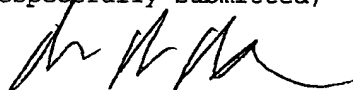
Applicants have amended Claims 28 and 31 to correct the informalities. Applicants have also Amended Claim 13 to include all features recited in previous Claim 15, which has been canceled. Since all other rejected claims depend from Claim 13, Applicants believe that all rejections and objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment, in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, are fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that they have persuasively demonstrated that the above-identified Patent Application, including Claims 13-14, 16-22 and 26-40 is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

It is not believed that this Amendment letter requires any fee, but if there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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